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A FAREWELL MESSAGE TO ALL EMPLOYEES

As I leave my friends and fellow workers in the Farm Credit Administration, I want to tell each of you how much your loyal efforts have meant to the welfare of the organization and to me personally. It gives an administrator great confidence to know that at all times the duties and functions of the organization will continue to be carried out effectively by an alert, interested, energetic corps of fellow workers. It has always been the good fortune of the Farm Credit Administration to be manned by such a group.

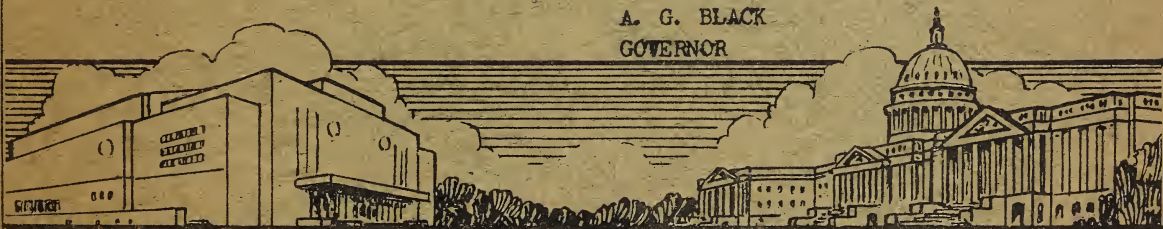
Soon, a successor to me will be working with you. Let me urge in his behalf that the same friendly cooperation be given to him as has been so generously given to me during these past several years.

Your gesture of gracious recognition and your cheerful "Goodbye and Godspeed" given me the other afternoon make me realize how deeply indebted to all of you I shall ever be.

In parting may I extend to each of you my sincere wish that good fortune and successful achievement may always be yours.

A. G. Black

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GOVERNOR



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To conserve the Grapevine paper stock, please place your copies of the Grapevine in your out-box after you have finished reading it. Two hundred copies are needed for mailing to FCA men and women in the service.

WHAT'S GUMMING OFF HERE?

Twenty-four folks are chomping their gums instead of their gum because one gal stood at the canteen and fed twenty-five pennies into the gum machine, one right after another, just as soon as the machine had been filled up. There's a gal - she may give her blood to the Red Cross, and maybe she's got a brother or sweetheart in the service - but somewhere along the line she got some of her wartime ethics all gummed up. It's just a little thing, and nobody's suffering very much, but we can't help but wish it could have been different.

FCA SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN



New FCA Employee to Service:

Gertrude Elizabeth Foerster

TOTAL - 202

News From Field And Camp



LETTERS FROM OUR MEN AND WOMEN IN SERVICE

Pfc. Charles O. Nelson, (Co. M, 63 Inf., APO 6, c/o PM, San Francisco, Calif.)
Received several issues of the Grapevine and was really happy to get them. I have moved so much that they all don't catch me. Right now I am over in New Guinea and boy what a spot. It's been 15 months since I left FCA, and I have really seen lots of the old world. Since I have been overseas I've joined the V.F.W., so I'm a little veteran now. There is very little to see and tell about over here, it's just hot and muddy, that's all. I want to say hello to all in FCA, and especially to my friends in Examination. Keep up the good work.

T/Sgt. Vernon F. Klenk, (36197947, 561st Bomb Sqdn., APO 638, c/o PM, New York, N. Y.) Since I wrote last, quite a bit has happened. I am now assigned to a group and a squadron, so should be receiving mail pretty regularly now, and am anxiously looking forward to the copies of the Grapevine. We are now flying on Fortresses which is quite a bit different from what we flew in the States. I received a grade promotion 4 days ago and am now a technical sergeant.

T/Sgt. Peter Massaro, (33095736, APO 758, c/o PM, New York, N. Y.) I have been neglectful since leaving Africa in not writing to you and telling you about this country. I am in a nice spot. The door of my tent opens toward the Mediterranean which is only about a hundred yards away. Back about another hundred yards is a mountain about a thousand feet high. All around us are tall cactus plants which give us perfect natural camouflage. The weather is just about the same as Africa. The rainy season is on now and we have 6 days of rain and 2 days of sunshine. There are many hundreds of articles that can be bought, but the price is terrific. With the knowledge I have of the language I get along fine and can generally talk the price down about half. Many thanks for the Christmas package.

Lt. Paul James, (21st Spec. Serv. Co., APO 763, c/o PM, New York, N. Y.) Let me extend to the FCA Club my real appreciation for the Christmas package. It was good of the Club to think of us and to include the very attractive greeting. As for local gossip, I don't know anything

about the war. When I joined the Army, I put all that behind me. It is exciting and interesting here and like most experiences in life, I would not take a million for what I get nor give a dime to go through it again. But I'll be glad to knock off and go home the minute the bell rings. The Grapevine just arrived. Good paper - very clever name. Regards to all. (Editor's Note: Paul James won the prize offered for suggesting a name for this publication when it started. His suggestion: "The Grapevine.")

Cpl. Elinor Frederick, (Wac Det. HQ Sq. VIII, APO 637, c/o PM, New York, N. Y.) The greeting in my Christmas package was so nice that I am going to save it for a scrapbook I intend to make when I get home. It certainly seems to be much less than 1 year that I have been a Wac. Yet, now I have in more than 6 months over here in England. It is exceptionally nice for me here because I have a brother stationed only 12 miles from here and he came over to spend Christmas with me. I really must say that I like my work very much over here. It is statistics - the same as work at Farm Credit. It is different that this is current and not research. You see, I am chief of the personnel section in the adjutant general's office. The boys and girls (should say soldiers and Wacs) are all very nice to work with. Most of them have the idea that we have a job to do and that we are going to get it over as soon as possible. Thanks again for the nice gift and being in England, will close with the same greeting an Englishman would use, cheerio.

Strictly Personal



Central Office Accounting. The home of Ruth Peterson and Sgt. Peterson echoed with wedding bells on the evening of March 14 when Ruth's friend, Yeoman Helen Meekins, was married to Lt. Alfred Mackersie in a double ring ceremony performed by Dr. Russell of the Plaza Presbyterian Church. Margaret Porter played the wedding music, accompanying Waverly Haynes in "Beloved It Is Morn" and "Because." About 25 guests attended the wedding and reception afterwards... Sarah Schneider and six other nurses' aides spent a week end on duty in Topeka, Kans., at the Winter General Hospital... Dorothy Martin is leaving for a visit with her husband in Austin, Tex....J. L. Wilkinson is in Washington on official business...Bill Mason, who has been ill, and who still is awaiting Navy orders, has grown a bit of red camouflage...A letter received from G. J. Froelke from Phoenix, Ariz., where he journeyed to "get warm" describes cold and rainy weather and a cabin inadequately furnished for housekeeping...Eileen Hague, in her first season of aerial dart, won the tournament held at the Kansas City Athletic Club on March 15 and will receive a medal...Margaret Ellefson took the Oath of the Waves on March 16 and is "busy as a bee" making plans to leave for Hunter College on April 18...Word has been received of the marriage of a

former member of Audit Unit, June Swanson, to Ensign B. F. Scott, Jr., on March 16 in Panama City, Fla....Frances Lynn is vacationing with her husband in Lincoln, Nebr....Mabel Kluttz has returned to her desk after recovery from a recent operation...A pleasant week end was spent by Ann Tonnar at her home town of Carrollton, Mo....Ida Bernat's sister arrived from Cherokee, Iowa, for a visit...Sarah Schneider was a guest of Waverly Haynes at an interesting performance of the KMBC Brush Creek Follies given for the veterans of World War II in Excelsior Springs on March 16, sponsored by the Auxiliary of the Swearingen Post of the American Legion, of which Waverly is secretary. Members of the party enjoyed the thrill of being escorted to the city limits by motorcycle police with sirens wide open.

Chief Clerk's Office. "Ellie" Bark enjoyed a surprise visit from her brother-in-law, David Bark, who was en route to the Replacement Camp in Salt Lake City...T. L. Piper is in Washington on official business...A certain young army pilot and his impending duty overseas was the reason Alverta Marston vacationed recently in Lincoln, Nebr.

Cooperative. S. D. Sanders proudly announces the acquisition of a new grandson on March 8...John Markey has returned to work after a successful combat with the flu...It was nice to see the Hulbert brothers and Messrs. Conyers and Randall, recent visitors from Washington.

Economic & Credit Research. Congratulations to the happy parents of tiny Miss

Alice Louise Halvorson who arrived at the Lloyd Halvorson home on March 12... Betty Spivey enjoyed a week's leave entertaining Cadet George Lockhart who was on his way to Hondo, Tex.

Emergency Crop & Feed Loan. Esther Barnes spent an interesting week in the St. Paul Regional Office observing operations there... Lamar Evans is in Texas on an extended field trip... We are enjoying the presence of Jim "roustabout" Halligan in the Central Office for a few days.

Examination. Lots of luck to Vera Jones who, after 10 years of service with FCA, embarks on a career of law with the firm of Gossett, Ellis, Dietrich, and Tyler of Kansas City... We shall miss Dorothy Wilson who left to join her soldier husband in Sioux Falls, S. Dak., wearing a lovely corsage of pink carnations, a gift of the division... Leone Coffey motored to Sioux City, Iowa, with her roommate for a short visit at her home... Our sympathy to George Bartlett on the death of his sister in Detroit, Mich.

Finance & Accounts. Uncle Sam's Waves claims another member of the division, Apprentice Seaman Gertrude Foerster, who will attend Midshipman School in Northampton, Mass.... Maxine Osborne dropped in from St. Louis to greet friends in Reports Section... The division's parting gift to Lt. Gray Hume when he left the port of FCA was a pen and pair of cuff links... Dorothy Jacobs is welcomed to Operating Analysis Section... Excitement ran high in Securities Section the day Irene McClurg's husband, LaVerne,

formerly of FCA's family, with his partner "made headlines" when they captured top listing in the Doubles Competition of the Kansas City Bowling Association tournament. Each will receive a neat sum of cash, a gold trophy, and a gold medal at a presentation on March 22 at the Country Club bowling alley.

General Files. Ruth Ann Filby, who is resigning for a stay at home, was honored by members of the section with a delightful luncheon at the Aladdin Hotel... The welcome mat is out for Hazel Foster, a new employee... Thos. Cunningham returned to the office after recovering from a throat operation in time to make plans to report to Ft. Leavenworth on March 25... Deanne Ruth sent greetings to all from Rochester, Minn., stating she is fine... An entertaining office party was held to wish future happiness to Edith Sankey who is resigning... It was nice to receive Easter wishes from Sgt. Pete Massaro stationed in Italy.

Graphic. Cheers for Bessie Doeman's family which contributed SIX boys to the Armed Forces. Bessie is enjoying visits with three of her brothers who arrived home on furloughs.

Guard Detail. Double congratulations to J. A. Gillespie, guard at the 13th Street entrance, who is the grandfather of twin girls born on March 8, weighing 5 lbs., 3 ozs., and 4 lbs., 13 ozs., and named Lacreta Kay and Leona May.

Information & Extension. Inez Barber and Cpl. Barber are enjoying a week in

Humboldt, Nebr., with Inez's parents...
Two recent 4-time blood donors were Ann Wilson and Dorothy Owens.

Land Bank. Within 21 days from St. Patrick's Day, the day he passed his physical, Andy Morrison expects to be beckoned navyward...Clydine Clabaugh is on "Seven Days Leave" visiting her new husband in Las Vegas, N. Mex....On a Sunday noon Pla-Mor's radio at "Thirty Seconds to Go" telephoned "Lucky" Lila Owens and she was \$2.00 richer...Members of the division went into spring house cleaning with a vengeance resulting in the surprising collection and presentation to Property & Supply Section of salvage waste paper which would measure to a height of 100 feet.

Library. Louise Pressgrove was a guest speaker at a recent meeting of the Kansas City Chapter of the Junior Members Library Association. Her subject was "The Libraries of Washington."... Ruth Polson from General Files Section is a new member of the staff...Librarians honored Ardath Warner and Juanita Akers with an enjoyable dinner and theatre party before they left for Washington.

Mail. A welcome hand is extended to Gene Davis who now travels the halls of FCA with the mail.

Mortgage Corporation Service. A warm welcome to Harriett Dodds who decreased the Washington population by a transfer to Kansas City.

Personnel. Carrietta Rech is enjoying a visit at her home in Howard, Kans... Marie Wassenberg received the good news that her husband had arrived safely at his destination overseas...Luck to Martha Tucker who is leaving FCA to go to TWA...Ben Russell and Wm. Moore have returned from western field trips, Ben bringing with him fond memories of San Francisco...Gordon Van Leer goes to his barber regularly - to buy fresh country eggs!...Lucky Anne Spink who is anticipating the return of her husband from England shortly...Olive Ketchum spent a pleasant week end at her home in Maysville, Mo....Members of the division enjoyed a shower given by Martha Tucker for Lena Vanderbrink, who recently left Appointment Unit in favor of matrimony... "Pat" Clark has returned from an official business trip to St. Paul...It is nice to have Evelyn Gibson as a new member of Appointment Unit...Betty Taylor week ended at her home in Maryville, Mo....Camille Humbrecht entertained at her home with a surprise party for Blanche Stone, each guest bringing a useful gift for the new apartment into which Blanche is soon moving...Outside there was snow, but Ruby Jane Hall celebrated the arrival of spring on March 20 by wearing a bright bunch of blue flowers in her hair.

Personnel Files. Office members celebrated Nadine Jones' birthday on March 7 with a cake and candles...We are glad to have Mary Jane Sullivan join our group.

Production Credit. Several parties were given to wish Opha Thompson "bon voyage" on her new venture with the Red Cross. On March 4, Gwendolyn Goode gave a lovely buffet supper, and on March 6, girls of the division gathered at the apartment of Emma Lou Peake for an evening of games and entertainment, at which Opha was honor guest, but at which Emma Lou was surprised by a shower of kitchen gadgets for her new apartment. Parting gifts of the division to Opha were a beautiful white silk scarf to wear with her uniform and a regulation shoulder-strap leather handbag... Though Don Warburton's plane ride ended in Columbus, Ohio, he reports a wonderful vacation week in Washington... It was good to hear that Chief Warrant Officer Richard de Sousa had recovered from a siege of pneumonia in Italy... Still boys at heart, most of the men of the division attended the Police Circus with their families en masse... We were happy to be greeted by Lt. Gordon Finley who, on completion of his training in Tucson, Ariz., arrived in Kansas City to dispose of his home before reporting to San Francisco on April 1 for 3 months' training in "Harbor Control."

Purchase. Visitors who arrived from Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo., to help observe the birthday of R. L. Crim on March 11 were Mrs. Crim's brother, Lt. Robert Sanford and Mrs. Sanford... Our sympathy to Florence Eifert who left for her home in Enid, Okla., on word of the death of her mother... Mary Feeley had as guests from California her sister, Mrs. Malcolm Cottey, and Mr. Cottey, petty officer 2nd class.

Regional Agricultural Credit. Best luck to a new Wac, Frances Lazerow, who leaves March 22 for Ft. Des Moines, Iowa.

Revolving Fund. Carolyn Portmann enjoyed several days' vacation with her husband, who stopped for a visit on his way to Fresno, Calif.

Stenographic. We are glad to have Ruby Whitaker as a new member of the section ... Loraine Neugebauer, who has resigned to help at home, will be missed... Catherine Champe is on detail to the NEFLA Section for 60 days... The lucky ones to spend a week end at their homes out of town include Wilma Black in Grant City, Mo.; Ramona Trout in Lawson, Mo.; and Aileene Bashford in Breckenridge, Mo.

OUR WASHINGTON REPORTER

A. W. McKay is getting ready for his trip to Iran - taking all the tetanus, yellow fever, etc., shots - and seems to not be minding it at all. We will sincerely miss him - "Andy" has been with Agriculture nearly 30 years - and came with Farm Credit from the old Federal Farm Board. Success in your new venture... Tom Piper breezed in Saturday - looking fit as a fiddle - it was good to see him, but again our complaint is that he won't stay long enough.

Shades of the Christmas ice storm! - the weather has been even worse than "Willy" says it is in Kansas and Missouri - from Spring, temperature of

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HONOR ROLL

Units Participating 100%
in 1944 Red Cross War Fund

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Emergency Crop & Feed Loan
Production Credit
Federal Farm Mtg. Corp.
Information & Extension
Library
Field Accounting
Purchase Office (Main Bldg.)
Governor's Office
Office, Chief, Admin. Div.

RED CROSS DRIVE NEARS THREE-QUARTER MARK

At the end of the first week of the American Red Cross 1944 War Fund Drive, Farm Credit employees had contributed \$3,119.25 (including \$56 contributed to chapters other than the Kansas City chapter) or 73% of FCA's total quota. Sixty-four percent of all employees have contributed thus far.

"If the 221 employees who have not yet subscribed give as generously as those whose contributions already have been counted, the FCA quota of \$4,250 should

be reached," Irv Dyke and Joe Fraile, co-chairmen of the campaign, said this week.

Thus far all of the employees of five divisions, in addition to four units in F&A and Administrative, have given. The names of these units appear on an honor roll elsewhere in this issue. Several other divisions are nearing the 100 percent mark, and are driving hard to win the right to display the Red Cross 100% poster.

Paul Lindsey's Crop Loan gang and Cap Arnold's fifth floor outfit ran a dead heat to the finish line Wednesday, finally reaching 116 and 123 percent of their respective quotas. Close on their heels came the quota-smashing performances of Information & Extension (103%), FFMC (100%), and Library (146%). Among the big fellows - Administrative and F&A, whose quotas account for 43% of the Farm Credit totals - the lead changes daily. At the close of business Wednesday, Administrative had come through with 76% of its quota and F&A had reached 73%. The following table gives the current standing of all divisions:

STANDING OF UNITS
(at close of business Wednesday)

Division	Quota	Gifts to date*	% of Quota
Admin.	\$955	\$723.50	76%
Co-op.	225	55.00	24%
F&CR	160	98.00	61%
ECFL	140	163.00	116%
Exam.	180	126.00	70%

<u>Division</u>	<u>Quota</u>	<u>Gifts to date*</u>	<u>% of Quota</u>
FFMC	\$150	\$150.50	100%
FIC	90	63.00	70%
F&A	890	651.75	73%
I&E	160	166.00	103%
LB	490	245.00	50%
Lib.	25	36.50	146%
Pers.	220	150.00	68%
PC	205	252.50	123%
RACC	45	30.00	67%
Rev. Fund	55	35.00	64%
Sol.	260	173.50	67%
FCA	\$4,250	\$3,119.25	73%

*Includes outside gifts only when unit has 100% employee participation.

GOVERNOR BLACK HONORED

Governor A. G. Black left this week to assume his new duties as a member of an American mission to the Iranian government, on which he will serve as a financial adviser to Iran.

To express its appreciation for his friendship and cooperation during his 4 years as head of FCA, the Farm Credit Club held a party in the Little Theater Thursday afternoon, March 16.

Julia Connor, who had succeeded Gray Hume as president of the Club only the week before, expressed the Club's best wishes to Governor Black and characterized him as "a captain ever mindful of his crew."

Elbert Smith, adding a light touch to the meeting, recounted the inconclusive results of the "exit interview" with

the departing employee, and reported on other incidents in the past life of the Governor, previously known to no one at all.

Governor Black expressed his appreciation for the loyalty and faithful service of Farm Credit employees. He pointed to four major developments in the past 4 years: The application of service policies which materially reduced land bank and commissioner loan foreclosures; the drastic reduction of indebtedness on the part of farmers using Farm Credit facilities; the improvement in the financial condition of Farm Credit institutions, and the successful removal of Farm Credit offices to Kansas City. He complimented the employees on their capacity to undergo the latter change cheerfully and without impairment of the organization's efficiency.

Presentation of a brief case to Governor Black concluded the meeting. Later in the week his staff presented the Governor with a watch and a scroll expressing the staff's appreciation and best wishes.

HONOR TO BJORNSON

Hal Bjornson, formerly of I&E, later lend-lease representative in Iceland, now editorial writer for the Minneapolis Star-Journal, recently received the Order of the Icelandic Falcon, highest honor in the gift of the Icelandic government. It was awarded for his lend-lease services. He is the youngest person to whom the honor ever has been awarded.

OUR WASHINGTON REPORTER
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80 degrees the other day, it has now snowed, sleeted, and frozen all the spring flowers which were gaily showing their heads - and they say today is the first day of Spring!

HOBBY SHOW SLATED

Encouraged by the enthusiastic response to last year's hobby show, directors of the Farm Credit Club last week voted to sponsor a similar show this year and named Tom Pritchard to head the committee which will make arrangements.

Pritchard announced this week names of other members of his committee: Helen Colling, Bruce Denman, Lucille Jacomet, Anna Messinger, Landon Porter, and Francis Sayre.

"Those of us who were here will long remember the fine show we had last year," Pritchard said. "The committee hopes the exhibitors in that show will participate again. Employees who did not exhibit last year are urged to enter their hobbies. If you have a collection of anything, if you like to take photographs or make things, get in touch with one of the committee."

Details and dates of the show will be announced later.

FINAL BRIDGE CLASS

The bridge class will hold its final meeting for the season Tuesday, March 28, at 7 p.m., in the Clubroom. Any Club

member who has attended one or more of the class sessions during the fall and winter of 1943-44 is invited to play next Tuesday night. Cecilia Jacobs announces that her treasury will supply the necessary funds for half a dozen worth-while prizes and also for some rather special refreshments. Lloyds of London has already announced Marie Puhr as the favorite for first prize; but if Gardner Walker's luck holds out, his cumbersome-hunch system may win him the blue ribbon. Kibitzers should also keep an eye on dark-horse Grace Tryon whose second-hand-high, third-hand-low system may baffle all comers.

SHOSTAKOVITCH QUINTET

All music lovers are invited to attend the first playing of Shostakovitch's piano quintet in room 1345E, Wednesday, March 29, at 12:15 p.m. Many music critics listed this composition as one of the most outstanding recordings of the year 1943.

Because of the popularity of Decca's OKLAHOMA, the Club library has purchased a second album. Any Club member may borrow these records for a few cents a day. Other recent accessions include Victor's UPSWING, with numbers by Tommy Dorsey, Artie Shaw, Glen Miller, and Bennie Goodman; also ONE NIGHT OF VENUS with Mary Martin and Kenny Baker singing Ogden Nash's witty lyrics to Kurt Weill's catchy tunes.

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BUY MORE WAR BONDS

STRICTLY SOLID CHICK

(Editor's Note: For many reasons (some of them valid) it has not been the policy of The Grapevine to introduce new employees through its columns. There comes a time when the best rules must be disregarded. The following report of the half-pint messenger with the 10-gallon mail bag was prepared at the request of the editor, as a matter of public service, and sets no precedent.)

Time was when only grown-up people toiled for Farm Credit. That was long before fate, and the Civil Service Commission, left 85 pounds of flaxen-haired Colleen Glover on FCA's doorstep. Those of you who mentally suffer as she staggers from office to office, under a bulging mail-pouch, must take her word for it that she first opened those dark blue eyes 17 years ago, come last October. Telephoning the SPCC is out.

Colleen has always lived in Missouri, except for "one wonderful month in California." She told the story eagerly. "I worked until I saved \$150.00 to take the trip. My father put me on the train and got me a seat next to an old man who read scriptures to me all the way out." She laughed. "The car was full of cute soldiers. They kidded me about it." Her father's decision to go to Pearl Harbor as a civilian technician brought her stay in California to an abrupt close.

Colleen has more ambitions than a kitten has fleas. She is finishing her high

school course at night. Next to being successful at Farm Credit, she wants to sing with a swing band. (Metronome and Down Beat please copy!)

At first, there was some doubt in the minds of mailroom "gates" as to whether Colleen and the top row mail boxes would ever get together, but although they don't know how she duzzit, she duzzit! Tiny Glover says, "I love everybody in Farm Credit, and I'm going to be the best whiz-bang messenger in the joint!"

PALM TO FCA'er

Milk isn't rationed because a former FCA'er figured out a practical way for the dairy industry to control the marketing of its own product.

The man who figured out that system is William C. Welden, formerly of Cooperative Research and Service, now assistant chief of the Dairy and Poultry Branch of the Office of Distribution, War Food Administration. His chief is Tom G. Stitts, on leave as chief of Cooperative Research and Service.

For his development and administration of the milk marketing program, Bill Welden has been given a meritorious service promotion. You can read about him, if you haven't already, in the March 4 issue of USDA. And you can thank him every other morning when you find your milk at the front door, with no ration stamps asked or needed.

CREDIT UNION NOTES

More than \$5,000 was borrowed by 65 members of the FCA Employees' Federal Credit Union to pay income taxes.

One member of the FCA Employees' Federal Credit Union recently got a production loan, to buy corn for a hog project.

If you need money to pay doctor or dental bills, see your FCA Employees' Federal Credit Union.

Next winter may seem far away, but you may need coal then, too. If you want to get in your supply now and pay for it, why not get a loan from the FCA Employees' Federal Credit Union, repayable in small amounts each pay day.

CLUBROOM NOTES

The Club library has recently received the following new books:

Washington Broadcast by "The Man at the Microphone"

The Saint on Guard by Leslie Charteris

Beyond the Dark by Kieran Abbey

The Curtain Rises by Quentin Reynolds

The Woman in the Picture by John August

Shore Leave by Frederick Wakeman

Colcorton by Edith Pope

The Rope Began to Hang the Butcher by

C. W. Grafton

Blessed are the Meek by Zoffia Kossak

The Cauliflower Heart by Marian G.

Champagne

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The following books are for sale in the Clubroom, at a special price of 25 cents each:

Sugarfoot by Clarence B. Kelland

3 Men in a Boat by Jerome K. Jerome

The Captain from Connecticut by Forester

Junior Miss by Sally Benson

As I Remember Him by Zinsser

Young Renny by De La Roche

V For Vengeance by Dennis Wheatley

River Rogue by Brainard Cheney

CLUB HAS BEST BOOKS

John Chamberlain writing recently in Harper's magazine picked the following three novels of 1943 as those that will linger for a long time in the memories of their readers:

Betty Smith's "A Tree Grows in Brooklyn"

Elizabeth Janeway's "The Walsh Girls"

Christine Weston's "Indigo"

All three of these books may be borrowed from the Club library at little or no cost.

TWO GENERALS WITHOUT AN ARMY

When 11 o'clock struck last Sunday morning at the corner of 11th and Baltimore, not a single Club member had reported for the scheduled hike along Wyandotte County's country roads. So the two leaders, Hoyt Elkins and Paul Rapp, enjoyed a womanless hike free from the necessity of mincing with even a single maid. But they admit having missed those dainty luncheon tidbits that the ladies always insist on sharing with the leaders.

MEN'S TABLE TENNIS SINGLES

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running. The semi-final play-off games were won by Hemstreet and Maguire, each by a 3-0 count. On Saturday, March 11, these two battled it out, matching shot for shot in one of the finest exhibitions ever seen in the Auditorium. Maguire won the first 2 games by scores of 21-19 and 21-18, but Hemstreet rallied to smash his way for the next 2 victories by scores of 21-15, and 21-19. The odd game was a real thriller, being deuced 3 times, but Hemstreet broke it up, final score 22-24. Champ Art Hemstreet will be presented with the beautiful trophy which was on display in the Clubroom.

The women's tournament will be postponed until more interest is shown by the fair sex.

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March 14 was the opening day of the men's doubles table tennis play. This tournament is a round-robin affair with 11 teams entered. The matches are being played from 12 noon to 2 p.m., each day, everyone is invited to come and root for their favorite team. The powerful Hein-Selby combination is in the lead at the end of the third round with 11 points won; the Ward-Beauchamp and Hemstreet-Albright teams are close behind with 10 points each.

LAST MINUTE FLASH!!!!!!

Hein and Selby are now leading the tournament with 16 points, 3 above their nearest competitors, Beauchamp and Ward.

FCA BADMINTON CLUB NEWS

The FCA Badminton Club is beating the draft by having its party early before the 1-A's belong to Uncle Sam. The party has developed into a steak fry with all the trimmings and is to be held at Loose Park, March 25, 1944. Later in the evening the party will adjourn to the Porter-Porter apartment. The committee, headed by Margaret Porter and assisted by Bessie Docman, Edna Marie Belrne, and Boots Porter, guarantees an enjoyable evening for members and their guests.

Of late, the Badminton Club has finished off its evening of play with a volley ball game as wild as any Wild Western ever seen. The ceiling and side walls seem to bother John Kennedy more than any other factor, while Amos Russell's trouble seems to be getting there just a split second after the ball has already done its damage. "Boots" Porter would like to have about 10 feet added to the length of the court and (he says) his troubles would be over. Sam (one-man team) Weinberg plays no special position but just covers the whole court (ignoring all obstacles as well as players) and always seems to be on the winning side. The girls don't complain at all but have suggested that a referee and scorekeeper would be excellent additions.

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John Kennedy fires the latest gun in the annex vs. foxhole battle of twits. "The reason the Navy is taking so many men from Farm Credit," says John, "probably is because they have so much 'below decks' experience." That from a man with a window in his office.

Willy



Deere Ma:

Well, Ma, I guess maybe I tole you befour this is a very fassynatin plais, but boy, have things bin heppening laity. First Gray Hume left. I guess I tole you about him. He was presidunt of the Sochul club. Then Bill Mason joyns the Navy. He was treasurerer of the club. It was verrey conspishus that he didn't leeve until the books had bin addited, so I guess he was onist after all. Finely the governor ups and goes off to Persha. I tell you, Ma, if the draft keaps on the way it is going I'll ether be a corprul or governor of Farm Credit one of these daze, because shore as shootin I'm getting cloaser to one or the uther just by seenaroarity.

They had a big wing-ding for the governor just befoar he left. Everybody went up to the little theayter and Julia Connor said a few kine words for the Sochul club. Youd like Miss Connor. She reminds me of Ant Aggie onely a little more reefined. She wares shoes. Then they was Elbert Smith. He is the personal officer. He shore got personal with the governor, two. Then finely they give the governor a chanse to say sumthing in his own defence. When he was threw, they give him a breef cais.

I gess it was a pritty appropryate gift, too. It gets pritty hot in Persha and

nobody wares long unnerware only breefs, and so they got him a breef cais. Still, it kinda looks like putting on the dog to have a suit cais for nothing but summer unnerware. But the governor ackted like he like it, and I gess that's all that's nessary.

Yore loving son

Willy

OUR GOODE NEIGHBOR

Gwendolyn Goode, because of her knowledge of the Portugese language, found herself an important factor in the entertainment of two distinguished Brazilian visitors to Kansas City on March 17. Senhor Lourival de Fontes, who is a close friend of Getulio Vargas, president of Brazil, and Senhora Fontes are visiting ten American cities to foster Inter-American understanding.

Gwendolyn accompanied the visitors on an excursion of the city, including tours through the City Hall and the Star building. At Mayor Gage's reception she interpreted for them, and, lastly, she officiated in Portugese at a dinner given in honor of the visitors by the Brazilian-American Club.

TUESDAY LUNCHEON MOVIES

March 28 - 12:15 and 1:00

Vera Cruz and Teahuantepc - Two travelogues in color.

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BOWLING

March 13: Graphic, sparked by Apprentice Seaman to-be Sam Weinberg's 479, and with the help of a 55-pin handicap per game, made a clean sweep of their set with Reports. Kennedy and Jones also had nice sets with 467 and 460, respectively. George Olson's 534 was not enough to off-set the mediocre bowling by the other members of the Reports team. Corporal John Barber, former member of Reports, substituted and accounted for a 451 set. The League's treasurer, Bob Yorkdale, cashed in with a 202-525, leading the Accounts team to a double win over Coops. Doug Lawrence was second to Yorkdale in this match, getting 440. Administrative's big set of 2395 was good for 2 from Mortgage Corporation. McClurg was the heavy demolisher for Administrative, spilling the maples for a 212-574, while teammate Maguire's 174-489 was next best. Havelka's 170-513 and Plott's 197-486 helped the Mortgage Corporation to bang out a big 859 game which accounted for their lone win. Andy Morrison with 191-523 was the heavy contributor to Land Bank's 2 wins over Legal. Selby and Uhlenhop with 463 and 461 were top men for the odd-game losers.

March 20: Legal bumped into a hot Mortgage Corporation team and bowed 3 times.

The 2344 set by Mortgage Corporation was made up of Fowler's 505, Buck's 475, Plott's 459, Guill's 454 and Havelka's 453. Van Leer and Scott with 486 and 469 were top bowlers for Legal. Graphic, by some heavy bowling of the team, took 2 from Accounts. Administrative, in spite of Menk's big 570, downed the Land Bank team twice. Reports won 2 easily from Coops. Jacomet and Barber, with 509 and 496, were the high bowlers in this match.

TEAM STANDINGS

Team	Won	Lost	Total Pinfall
Land Bank	48	30	57,648
Administrative	42	36	57,310
Graphic	40	38	55,178
Accounts	40	38	53,972
Reports	39	39	52,837
Mortgage Corporation	36	42	54,360
Coops.	33	42	51,515
Legal	31	47	55,075

RECORDS

H T G Reports	918	H I G Menk	246
H T S Reports	2,524	H I S Menk	598

AVERAGES

Menk	178-1	Olson	161-42
Fowler	167-47	Hein	161-27

FCA WOMEN'S BOWLING LEAGUE

In the past few weeks, the tide has changed considerably for second place. Personnel was resting very comfortably in this spot with a 4-game lead, until they met the sizzling Reports team who downed them on Wednesday, March 15, for 3 games, by a wide margin, leaving them with a slight lead of 1 game up in second place. On Wednesday, March 22, this same Reports team faced the League-leaders, Legal, and took all 3 games without the aid of the handicap while Personnel was losing 2 to Land Bank. This dropped Personnel into third place and gave the Reports team the runner-up position by one game. Legal

appears to be "in" as their next opponents will be Personnel, who are now experiencing a slump. However, anything can happen.

March 15: Bowling from scratch, Land Bank nosed out Audit for the first 2 games and lost the last one despite Owens' 156. Holland's 141 was high for the losers. Handicapped by the loss of Hanley to the Armed Forces, Stenographic dropped all 3 to Legal, losing the second on the roll-off of a tie, Porter rolled 156-452 for Legal. General Files took the first game but lost the last 2 to Finance and Accounts when Y. Meuers rolled two 150 games and Martin turned in a snappy 153. Securities took the first game from Purchase by 5 pins, lost the second by 10 and took the third with no difficulty. The upset of the evening was the clean sweep of Reports over Personnel. Shreve turned in a 150 game for Reports which was high for both teams. These 2 teams are competing for the second spot in the line-up.

March 22: Stenographic lost all 3 games to Audit, the last game by 1 pin.

Holland rolled 148 to aid the winning team to take the second game. Owens' 141 in the first and Sterling's 140 in the second enabled Land Bank to take those games by a narrow margin. Personnel came back to take the 3rd with Hurray and Rech rolling 150 and 156, respectively. With Feeley turning in 143-413, Purchase took 2 from Finance and Accounts, despite Y. Meuers 149-407. With Mehaffy rolling 147, Harbert 164, and Sible picking off her spares, Reports had a clean sweep over Legal and edged

into second place. B. Meuers' series of strikes netted her a 175 for the losers. Securities took the first from General Files, lost the second when Ehlers hit the maples for 159, then rallied to take the third with little opposition.

NOTICE - WOMEN BOWLERS

How about closing the season with an individual handicap sweepstakes on Wednesday, April 5, same time, same place? If you are interested, send your name to Helen McCabe - Room 2260-H, before Wednesday, March 29.

TEAM STANDINGS

Team	Won	Lost	Total Pinfall
Legal	51	27	48,917
Reports	48	30	44,144
Personnel	47	31	47,501
Finance & Accounts	43	35	44,969
Securities	40	38	44,593
Audit	39	39	42,539
Stenographic	38	40	43,663
Purchase	36	42	44,924
Land Bank	28	50	40,761
General Files	20	58	38,787

RECORDS

H T G Personnel	777	H I G Harbert	228
H T S Legal	2,046	H I S Harbert	525

AVERAGES

Harbert	143.41	Clark	138.35
Nelson	140.46	Meuers, Y.	134.46

MEN'S TABLE TENNIS SINGLES

The FCA men's table tennis tournament got under way Saturday, March 4, with 23 potential champions signed up. By process of elimination, the semi-finals found the four favorites, Hemstreet, Schlick, Maguire, and Dewey still in the

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